

**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 are rejected.

Claims 9, 11-13 and 15-16 have been cancelled without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 9, 11-13 and 15-16. This amendment cancels claims, and such cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claim. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is proper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.63(a). Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

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